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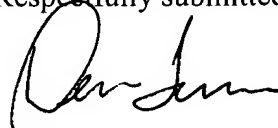
The Office Action mailed March 3, 2006 has been carefully considered. After such consideration, independent Claims 9 and 29 have been amended to further clarify the present inventions and Claim 33 has been cancelled. As such, Claims 9-28; and 29-32 and 34-54 remain in the case.

The Examiner objected to Dependent Claim 33 as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. This claim has been canceled to answer that objection.

The Examiner also rejected Claims 9-28; 29-32 and 34-54 under 35 USC 103 as obvious over Mosch in view of Murphy. Independent Claims 9 and 29 have been amended to overcome the prior art rejections. Specifically, the claims now describe a window latch including a housing, which in turn includes an opening for a cam latch, a perimeter wall having opposing ends defining said opening on one side of said housing, and a pair of rigid support walls. Each of the pair of rigid support walls partially defines the opening and extends across the housing from one opposing end of the perimeter wall to the perimeter wall on an opposite side of the housing and extends downward to engage the surface of the window sash to provide support for the housing. The prior art does not appear to teach or suggest such a housing, so the amended claims and their dependents now seem to be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, it is submitted that, by this amendment, the case is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains unresolved, a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue is welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,



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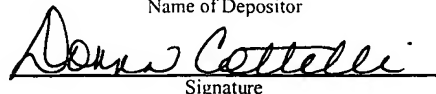
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